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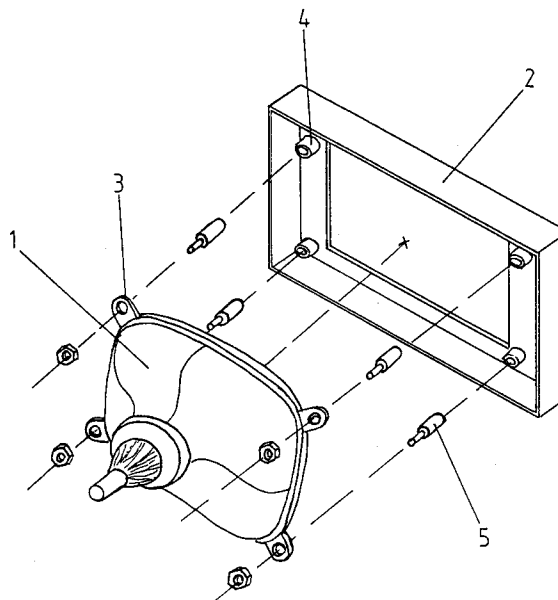
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SF-25130 Muurla (FI)(54) **Mechanism for fixing a picture tube in its case.**

(57) The present invention relates to a self-adjusting mechanism for fixing to each other the picture tube (1) of a TV set or monitor and the case (2). The case (2) is provided with a fixing sleeve (4) in register with the mounting lugs (3), in which a wedge bolt (5) known per se has been inserted, the threaded projecting end whereof is carried through the holes of the mounting lugs (3) of the picture tube (1), and a nut being screwed thereon so that when the nut is tightened, the conically widening inner end of the bolt will urge an elastic friction sleeve, tightly encircling the bolt, against the inner surface of the fixing sleeve (4).

**FIG. 1****EP 0 658 049 A2**

The present invention relates to a self-adjusting mechanism for fixing the picture tube of a TV set or monitor to the case thereof without clearance, whereat the distance between the fixing points may vary.

As a rule, the picture tube is in general fixed with screws directly to the TV set/monitor case. Endeavours are made to solve the problem of tolerance by precise dimensioning. Such conventional screw mounting is not self-adjusting, whereby a gap between the picture tube and the case often becomes a problem.

Fixing means assemblies with movable components are also known in the art. The Finnish patent No. 86572 discloses a self-adjusting means for locking two object together when the distance between the fixing points of the objects is variable. The means of said reference comprises a tubular piece 14 and a cylindrical piece 26 which is slidable and non-rotatable within the piece 14. In said patent, elastic members 40,52 are used, with the aid of which the piece 26 can be lifted against a bracket 12. The parts to be joined are secured to each other with a screw 38 establishing a junction between the pieces 26 and 14. The fixing force is achieved with screws so that the screw becomes fixed both to the case and to the movable parts, thereby locking the picture tube in place. The problem embarrassing said means is lack of reliability, nor is it applicable owing to the dimensioning required in association with current design products. Moreover, the means of the reference is complex and includes a number of separate parts, making the manufacturing costly and cumbersome.

By means of the mechanism of the present invention, a durable, simple and advantageous fixing is aimed at, said fixing automatically eliminating the tolerance problem.

The distance between the picture tube and the fixing points of the case thereof is not necessarily always of equal magnitude. However, with the means of the invention, such parts can be joined in which the tolerances may vary.

Compression in the juncture between the picture tube and the case produces torsion of the case and stresses between the components. On the other hand, clearance in the juncture causes defects in the external appearance of the design. Said problems can be eliminated by means of a fixing mechanism according to the present invention.

In the fixing mechanism according to the invention, a fixing sleeve is produced in the fixing points of the picture tube, advantageously in each corner, in a TV set or monitor case. A wedge bolt known per se is inserted into the sleeve, said bolt comprising a bolt with a widened lower end, and around the bolt a friction sleeve. The upper end of

the wedge bolt is provided with threads, said upper end being inserted through the holes of the mounting lugs of the picture tube, and nuts screwed on the threads. A great friction prevails on the outer surface of the friction sleeve, whereat the wedge bolt is secured to the fixing sleeve with the aid of friction and/or deformation produced by the wedge bolt in the fixing sleeve. The fixing is thus provided without a clearance and any excessive compression between the pieces.

The fixing mechanism according to the invention is made of metal and/or plastic. Preferredly, it is completely made of plastic, except the friction sleeve, which is advantageously of rubber material.

The essential characteristic features of the invention are presented in the annexed claims.

The invention is described below more in detail, referring to the the figures, in which

Figure 1 presents the mechanism of the invention as an exploded view in fixing a television tube to the case, and

Figure 2 presents a mechanism according to the invention assembled as a sectional elevational image.

The aim in the mechanism of the invention is to fix to each other the television picture tube 1 and the case 2 thereof presented in Fig. 1 without producing excessive compression therebetween, which would damage the surfaces or that a gap would be left therebetween.

Figure 1 presents a television picture tube 1 in which each corner is provided with a mounting lug 3 with holes. The TV set case 2 is provided with fixing sleeves 4 in the points in register with the mounting lugs 3, advantageously made by casting. In said fixing sleeves 4, wedge bolts 5 known per se are inserted, the detailed design whereof being shown in Fig. 2. The inner surface of the fixing sleeves 4 can be circular, nut-shaped, or entirely free in shape.

Fig. 2 presents the structure and operation of a wedge bolt in detail. The wedge bolt comprises the bolt 6 itself and a friction sleeve 7 therearound. At the end part 11 of the lower end thereof, the bolt 6 is conically widening towards the lower end thereof. The encircling friction sleeve 7, being cylindrical on the outer circumference, is also of a shape in register with this radial widening on the inner surface of the lower part thereof so that the bolt 6 can be drawn into the friction sleeve 7 through the lower part of thereof, the bolt 6 and the friction sleeve 7 being in close connection with each other on the entire length of the sleeve 7. The upper end of the bolt 6 is provided with threads 8.

The upper end of the bolt 6 is carried through the mounting lug 3 and fixed in place with the aid of a nut 9. The nut 9 is tightened to a given torque, whereby with the aid of the friction between the

inner surface of the fixing sleeve 4 and the outer surface of the friction sleeve 7 the wedge bolts 5 urge the picture tube 1 against the case 2. The friction sleeve 7 is partly allowed to rotate during the fixing against the inner surface of the fixing sleeve 4 in order to produce as good friction as possible.

Around the fixing sleeve 4, preferably at the proximity of the upper end thereof, a stop ring 10 is provided to receive the forces created by the wedge bolt and to prevent the sleeve 4 from being broken.

Thanks to the axial compressive force, the bolt 6 of the friction bolt tends to rise upwards out of the case 2, so that the radial widening of the end part 11 in the lower end of the bolt 6 is compressed against the lower part of the friction sleeve 7, respectively shaped in the inner surface, and urges the friction sleeve 7 cylindrical on the outer circumference against the inner surface of the fixing sleeve 4 joined to the case 2. The widening of the lower end of the wedge bolt may, while being urged against the inner surface of the fixing sleeve 4, produce a deformation 12 in the lower part of the fixing sleeve 4, therethrough changing the lower part of the sleeve 4 barrel-shaped and securing the grip of the fixing even more. The friction sleeve is simultaneously being compressed against the mounting lug 3.

The distance between the fixing points of the picture tube 1 and the case 2 may vary within certain limits, whereby the tolerance variations are compensated by means of the depth to which the friction bolt 5 is inserted in the fixing sleeve 4. The length of the friction sleeve 7 of the friction bolt is substantially consistent with the depth of the fixing sleeve 4. In the other direction the tolerance is provided by dimensioning the holes of the mounting lugs 3 slightly larger than the diameter of the bolt 6.

The friction sleeve 7 is preferably made of soft rubber or some other material with good friction properties. The friction may further be increased by treating the outer surface of the friction sleeve in a manner adding to its friction.

Claims

1. A self-adjusting mechanism for fixing to each other the picture tube (1) and the case (2) of a TV set or monitor, the fixing members in the picture tube (1) incorporating projecting mounting lugs (3), characterized in that the case (2) is provided with a fixing sleeve (4) in register with the mounting lugs (3) of the picture tube (1), in which a wedge bolt (5;6,7) known per se has been inserted, the threaded outer end whereof is carried through the holes of the

mounting lugs (3) of the picture tube (1), and a nut (11) is screwed thereon so that when the nut is tightened, the conically widening inner end (11) of the bolt (6) will urge an elastic friction sleeve (7), tightly encircling the bolt (6), against the inner surface of the fixing sleeve (4).

2. Mechanism according to claim 1, characterized in that the friction sleeve (7) is made of material having good friction properties, particularly of rubber.
3. Mechanism according to claim 2, characterized in that the outer surface of the friction sleeve (7) has been treated in a manner adding to its friction.
4. Mechanism according to claim 1, characterized in that around the fixing sleeve (4), adjacent to the upper part thereof, a stop ring (10) is provided.
5. Mechanism according to claim 1, characterized in that the conically widening inner end (11) of the bolt (6), when being urged against the inner surface of the fixing sleeve (4) of the elastic friction sleeve (7), tightly encircling the bolt (6), produces a deformation (12) in the lower part of the fixing sleeve (4).
6. A means according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the depth of the fixing sleeve (4) is substantially consistent with the length of the friction sleeve (7).

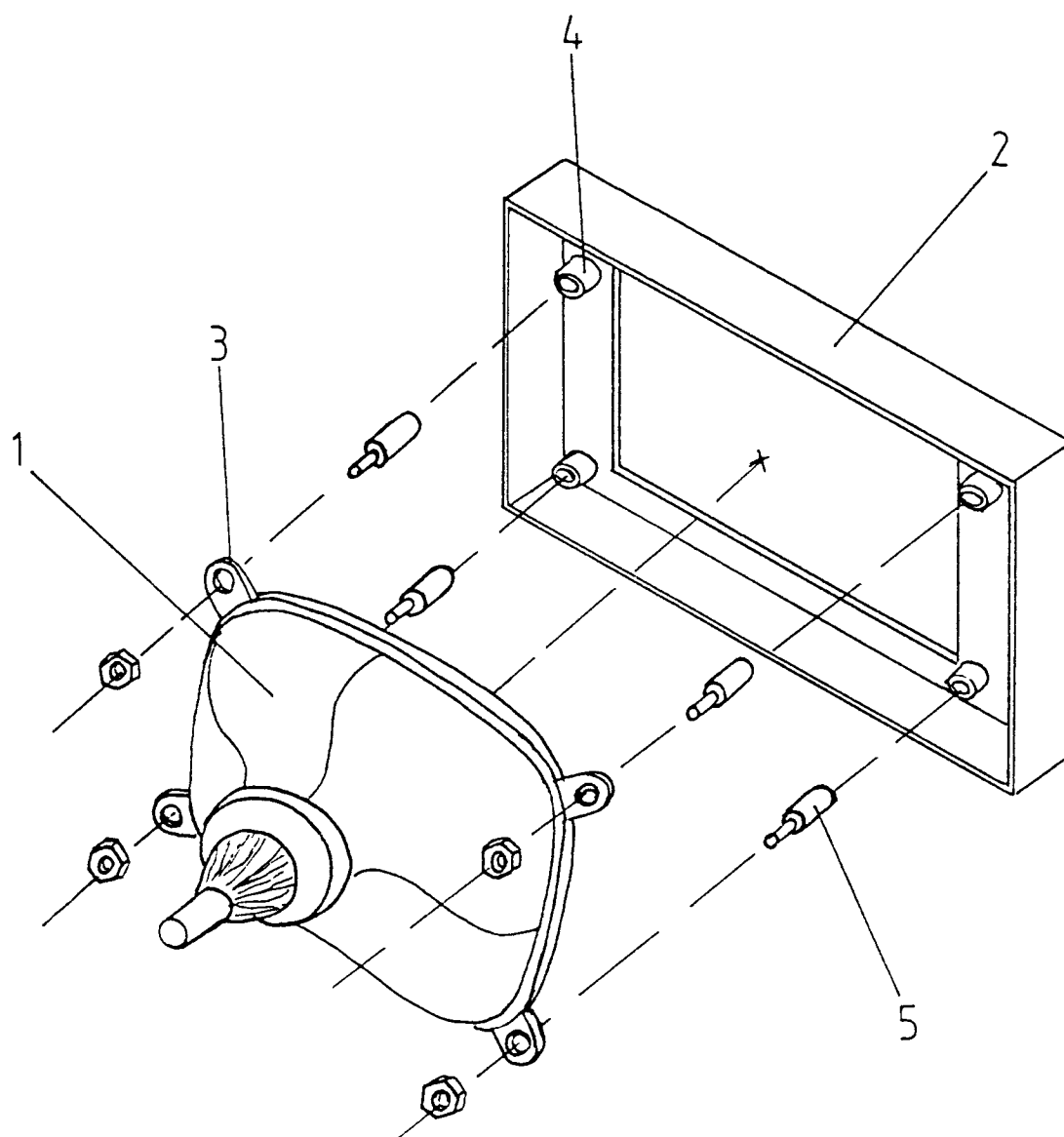


FIG. 1

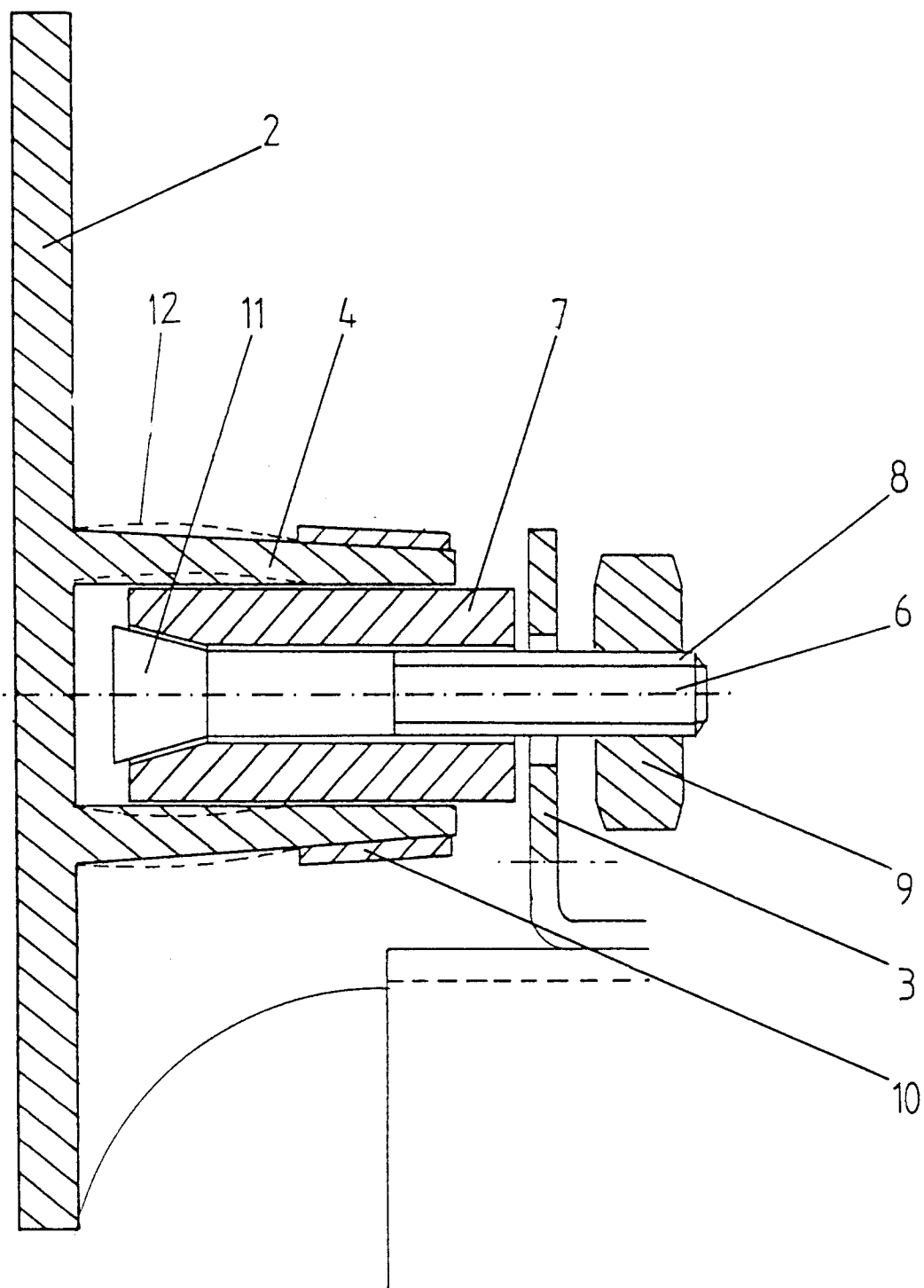


FIG. 2